A REMARKABLE LITIGANT. THE STORY OF THE BARRISON WAGNER

AND HIS 2,000 LAWSUITS. Soing his Velghbors by Scores for Fancted Weings and Getting Judgments by Default Taknown to the Befendants What the Plaintiff Says Concerning these Cases,

FREDERICK, Oct. 25. Between Sept. 19, 1878. and May 1, 1870, inclusive, Dr. Harrison Wag-ner of Woodsle red in this county, brought about 2000 suits ngainst his neighbors, and has now record 1,150 magistrates' judgments, for amounts negrogating \$133,163, with costs sting to about \$2 000 more. Of this amount only \$1,017 is alleged to be due the plaintiff on the rest being damage suits. The judgments were obtained by default, and the lefendants were not aware of their responsiappeal could be taken had expired. Now they in a great deal of trouble, and are appealing to a court of equity for relief. The law of Marythe Pence seems to be very defective. As a lawrer engaged in the Warner cases puts it," We have been used to do things in a neighborly fashion." Now that the defects of the law have been turned to account for vindictive litithe lawyers are sorely puzzled to find a way out. According to the precedents, magistrates' indigments from which no appeal has been entered are valid liens, and the neglect to appeal would ordinarily amount to such a lack of due dilligence in making use of the remedies provided by law as would preclude a detendant from relief by a court of equity. But as the lawver above quoted further remarked. Human nature being constituted as it is, the courts ain't agoing to allow a man to take his peighbors' property for nothing."

The original amount in dispute, that gave rise to 950 of the actions in which judgments have been obtained, was \$8. The dispute that gave rise to the remaining 500 actions in which judgments have been recorded involved the amount oftwenty-five cents. The litigation in these cases has occupied the courts of Frederick County for seven years, and the end is not yet.

Woodsboro' is in the Glades valley, a fertile country lying a little east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It has a few hundred inhabitants, two hotels, and several churches. around the town are well-tilled farms, and evidences of thrift and prosperity everywhere appear. Frederick County was seitled largely by people of German descent. They are quiet, industrious, pence-loving folk.

Dr. Harrison Wagner lived in a two-story frame house fronting on the thoroughfare slong which the town straggles. His small practice as a doctor was eked out by the sale of patent medicines. In 1872 he built a small brick store at one end of the house. He had a claim of about \$86 against George Flickinger, a farmer, and when they came to a settlement Flickinger claimed a credit of \$8 for the use of his horse and cart in the building of the brick house. Wagner d-nied having hired the cart. Eventually Flickinger failed, and the assignee in bankruptcy sued Wagner before a Justice of the Pence on the cart claim and obtained judgment for \$8 and costs. When it is considered that everybody in town saw the building of the brick house from day to day, and knew every one employed upon it, it is surprising that there should have been any conflict of testimony as to the use of Flickinger's cart. Men who

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worked on the building, and men who stood
about and looked on declare that Wagner certains old have Flickinger's cart. Wagner,
however, produced witnesses who testified that
Flickinger's cart was not used.

The cart case was tried in July, 1874. On
Aug. 5, 1874. Wagner had Flickinger arrested
on a charge of having perjured himself in the
cart case. Flickinger was a man who stood
well in the community, and he was already in a
high state of irritation over Wagner's behavior
in the cart case. As soon as the perjury case
was heard it was dismissed. Immediately
after Flickinger sued Wagner for libel. The
case was tried in February, 1876. Wagner had
engaged able counsel, and was acquitted. The
case was carried to the Court of Appeals, which
ordered a new trial. In the mean time Flickinger's bankrup by occurred, and the case was
compromised without further litigation. In
September, 1876, Wagner had Flickinger indicted for perjury in the old cart case again.
This case was seated by the State's attorney,
and was never tried.

Wagner's proceedings had by this time become a matter of talk ad over the country. He
had always been a reserved, eccentric person,
and he now withdrew himself more than ever
from contact with the community. He institually donunced his neighbors as inars and perjurers, One day Otho Donsife took him to accourted the strength of his sutgrapess, and the

hundreds of cases were brought before a magistrate named Wilson, a poor, decrept old fellow, living in a little shanty in the mountains, IS miles from Woodsboro'. Lawrer Nelson drove out there one day, and Wilson signed a paper setting forth that he was satisfied that the suits were without foundation and wholly vexatious, and that he had dismissed them. In Maryland the commissions of Justices of the Peace run for two years only, and they have no remaineration save what they get by their fees, so that they have a strong interest in encouraging interesting in the control of the property of the proper

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ACROSS SAHARA BY STEAM.

The Plans of the French for Running a Rattroad Through the African Besert.

The project of a railroad across the desert of Sahara has for some years been attracting the attention of French men of science and engineers. The plan is to build a road from the French possessions in Africa through the desert to the headwarters of the Niger, and to form a junction with a railroad running east from the

French colony of Senegal.

"In America," the French argued, "the railroad precedes the settler; the train begins by running through deserts. Then the emigrant comes along, the plains are tilled, farms are laid out, cities are built. Why should not France do what America has done? She has, indeed. no great west, but she has a great south, where Soudan, an India in an ocean of sand, with receive European productions, and to export their gums, their cotton, and their coffee."

These arguments led to the appointment of a Commission to investigate the project of such a railroad. Various plans were submitted to this Commission, Mr. Duponchei displayed the merits of his proposed line from Senegal; Mr. de Rochas advocated a line south from tell or hear some new thing," Dr. Talmage said: "That text gives the cry of the world for a newspaper. In proportion as men become wise they become inquisitive, not about small things, but about greater things. The great question thunders, 'What is the news?' Thero is a newspaper in Pekin, China, that has been published every week for a thousand years, printed on silk. Rome answered the question with the Acta Diurna. France answered it when her paysleans wrote out the news for patients. Engand answered it by publishing an account of the Spanish Armada, and its newspaper press went on increasing until the battle of Waterloo, which decided the destines of nations of Europe, was chronicled in a describing of a hird of a column! America answered the question when Benjamin Harris swered the question when Benjamin Harris to the state of the party was the champion of a direct line from Tunis or Tripoli to Lake Tehad. The Commission, nithough consisting of the ablest men Mr. Freyeinet could find could never determine the subject of the ablest men Mr. Freyeinet could find could not agree as to the route to be selected. It was therefore determined that the various projected lines should be again studied by separate parties of explorers. Mr. Choisy, the Engineer-in-Chief of Agirers, had the charge of the ablest men Mr. Freyeinet could find. Could not agree as to the route to be selected. It was therefore determined that the various projected lines should be again studied by separate parties of explorers. Mr. Choisy, the Engineer-in-Chief of Agirers, had the charge of surveying, studying, and comparing the two lines between Laghuat and Golea, and between Biskra and treatment of the party was the champion of the ablest men Mr. Freyeinet could find. Could not be recommended by separate parties of explorers, and the charge of surveying, studying, and comparing the two lines between Laghuat and Golea, and between Biskra and the charge of surveying, studying, and comparing the two lines between Laghuat and Golea, and between Bi tell or hear some new thing," Dr. Talmage | Constantine; a third party was the champion of while the bulk of the party was recosing from its toils at Golea, an expedition was detached toward the south to examine the sand downs, which are called areas, and which, it was thought, formed the areatest obstacle to the building of a raitroad. In a journey to Insalah, Soleillet had ascertained that at certain points these downs are only about 3N miles wide. Mr. Choisy succeeded in finding a spot where their breadth is reduced to less than a mile. A tinnel of sheet from resembling those used on our Pacific Redroad to shelter the track from snow, would suffee to arrest the drifting sands, and thus remove the only barrier that was thought to be impassable.

The expedition returned by way of Wargls. This stage of the journey was the worst that the travellers encountered. The natives had filled up the walls, thus rendering the travelling almost impossible. The route between Wargla and Biskra was accomplished without trouble, through a country that even now could furnish traffic for a railroad.

The result of Mr. Choisy's expedition was to incline the balance in Javor of a line from Bestra through Wargle. Col. Finters was sent

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ust as it was in the finishing that burned so rainly and destroyed so much other property in its neighborhood. " Rough on Hate."

ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET.

NO APPRECIABLE RELIEF FURNISHED BY YESTERDAT'S SLIGHT RAIN. The Rainfull Less in the Croton District that

in this City-Not More than Two Weeks Supply of Water Left-Continued Anxiety. The showers of Saturday night and the drizzling rainfall of yesterday afternoon were heartily welcomed as the possible procursors of the much-needed rains, which would end the long-continued drought. It will be a disappointment to nearly every one to learn that not enough rain fell to add any appreciable amount to the water supply. The fail of rain was not so heavy in the district of the Croton River and the northern reservoirs as it was in this city.

Chief Engineer Newton went up to the lakes, yesterday to note the result of the rainfall, and did not return last night. Fernando Wood, keeper of the gates of the dam, telegraphed yesterday forenoon from Sing Sing to Commissioner Thompson:

Rainfall, 64-100 of an inch; weather fair. Water in equeduct, 9 feet 5 melies; water below up of timber on dam, 22 inches; still falling. "What do these figures show?" Commis-

sioner Thompson was asked. "They mean that only 64-100 of an inch of rain has fallen since the showers of a few days ago began. They indicate very little relief-practically none at all. We must have very much more rain to do any real good. The present flow of the Croton River is comparatively almost nothing, and this rainfall must at least be in-

the Croton River is comparatively almost nothing, and this rainfall must at least be increased threefold to make any perceptible increase in the supply of water."

What is the effect on the water supply of the stopping of factories on Sunday?"

"We save a great deal of water on a Sunday, just as we do every night after 6 o'clock, when most of the factories, which use large quantities of water, are closed."

"How long will the present supply last if not replenished?"

There is perhaps a little over two weeks' supply left. Thus far the rain over the Croton district is only a drop in the bucket. And don't quote me in any way as saying that the danger is anywhere nearly over. We must have several times as much rain even to fill up the dry and shongy earth so that it will shed the rainfall into the channel of the Croton River.

Meantime we shall have to cut off the pressure somewhat, and people in the higher taits of the city and those further down town will be the first ones to feel that. With a reduced pressure that pipes are not all filled, and, of course, the lower part of the city is the last to get water. In the unper stories the water might rise to within a few inches of the faucet and still be useless, or it might rise in the pipes as high as the floor would have water, there would be none on the floor above."

"Be you look for more rain?"

"We saways hope for it, and the Signal Officer.

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IN AND OUT OF WALL STREET,

The stock market remains a puzzle to all who have anything to do with it. A month ago everybody was afraid of a panic, and brokers refused to buy stocks on margins. To-day, without any substantial change in the situation, the same brokers are refusing to sell stocks short, and are eagerly taking every purchasing order that they can get. Except the Treasury disbursments, there is not a fact that would justify such a change of views, but brokers are naturally trimmers, and they run before tha wind, no matter whence it comes. The change has in any case the advantage of having dispelled the fears of a panic, and, so far, has brought some comfort to moneyed people who possess vested interests in Wall street. The only material result of the rise will be to frighten the bears and to make them cover their shorts by purchases from the manipulators. The public

purchases from the manipulators. The public won't gain anything by the movement, and in another week or two the sagging process will probably begin again.

The influence of Wall street, however, all its vicissitudes notwithstanding, remains steadily on the increase. Statesmen and legislators are new looked for in the Stock Exchange parish. The Democrats of the Eleventh Congressional District had to go to Exenange court to find a candidate wealthy enough to oppose the Republican nominee. It must be acknowledged that they had a great deal of luck. Mr. Roswell P. Flower, head of the firm of R. P. Flower & Co., is one of the most popular and respected men in Wall street. He is a thoroughly selfmade man, and confesses that till he was 14 years of age, when he began to work in a brick yard at \$6 a month, he had never had a chance to buy a stick of candy. But there is nothing in the appearance or manner of Mr. Flower to denote obscure origin. He is a comparatively young man, of refined tastes and uncommonly amiable address. His position as attorney for Henry Keep's estate and as a director of the Northwestern, the Rock Island, and the St. Paul and Omaha Bairoads secured for him very speedily a prominence among the leading Wall street capitalists, and if the public at large lavenot yet heard much of Mr. Flower, be chosen until the morning of the first race.

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leading Wall street capitalists, and if the public at large bave not yet heard much of Mr. Flower, it is simply because he never had anything to do with corners, Black Fridays, repudiated puts and calls, or other Wall street achievements. Another man whom Wall street is likely to

sacrifice upon the altar of legislative duties is John J. Kiernan. He is quite a different person from the probable Congressman for the Eleventh District. He is neither a great financier nor a very wealthy man, but he is an uncommonly brilliant Brooklynite of Irlsh extraction. There is not a man or a boy in any way connected with Wall street who does not know Kiernan, and there seems to be no charitable institution to ward the support of which he does not contribute. His news agency office on the corner of Wall and Broad streets is a perfect menagerie Bankers, statesmen, lawyers, new-paper reporters, priests, messenger boys, and sporting men are mixed there all the day long, and the goodnatured ease with which he goes through this variegated crowd of variegated claimants is wonderful. He has never been known to keep an appointment or to answer a letter, but anybody who succeeds in catching him at his office is sure to leave it pleased and satisfied. Kiernan ought to make a first-class State Senator, He is not 40 years of age yet, is of pleasing appearance, speaks without a shade of a brogue, writes with an easy pen, is full of kindness and wit, and by no means wanting in European polish. His sunt keeps a select boarding house in the Quartier Latin, Paris. The less sustained by Wall street in the de

man has not been a large dealer in stocks of late, and his absence from the market cannot therefore affect prices, Mr. Hatch's contributions to the literature of the "street" were so large and sparkling that the speculative brotherhood will be at a loss for the mental susparty set out. On the 17th of May they were driven back by the intense heat to Wargla not, however, without having reached Lake Menk, however, without having reached to amply supply the city. There was a fall in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the limit have the reached to amply supply the city. There was a fall in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the limit have the reached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the limit have the reached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the limit have the reached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the limit had a starting teached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering the characteristic form of the stream of the country that the limit had a starting teached to amply supply the city. There was a foll of the limit had a starting teached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering to the climb, and the limit had a starting teached to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering to the climb, as creded to amply supply the city. There was a foll in the barometer vestering to the climb, as creded to amply supply the city. There was a foll of the had a foll of them. The street was filled with vague runors as to his object in visitian forcing on the familian start the feature of the middle with vague runors as to his object in enance with which he has so freely supplied for I never can drink wine without feeling a central up-town Methodist Episcopai church sick." It is to be hoped that Mr. Hatch's modwere held in Dr. Chapin's Collegiate Institute, erty will allow him to make public on his return his views upon the political, financial, social, and aesthetical status of foreign lands, as

well as the company on board the City of Rome, The scene at the dock when the new steamer let slip her mornings and glided into the stream was, in spite of the rain, exceedingly vivacious, Mr. Hatch stood on the quarter deck, his sunny countenance beaming with smiles underneath his Quaker-like hat. In one hand he clasped his writing machine, upon whose keys ha is wont to play, and in the other an enor-

bouquet. The latter was a unique "floatribute." It had been sent by some of his friends of the Produce Exchange, and consisted vegetable had been scooped out, and Bermuda onions and cobs of corn arranged artistically within so as to form a barmonious whole. It was remarked by those who are wont to find which was the wind blows by watching straws This was supresed to mean that corn is scarce. and that Mr. Hatch feels bullish on the grain

New York, Oct. 27, 1801. T Taxonox 27 time street.

In consequence of the new time of the New Haven and North-in-tee Endroll Company the North-Institute Endroll Company the State State and Remide Hamber Plants, a cost amics has been filled in The princip book which is about two in or little offer or enterior has been filled in The princip book was a matural depression, and measured about 19 best in this piece be included by the pression and measured about 19 best in this piece best of the second of the second filled book. The filling was doughed by about this tree, which is now thoroughly imbabled in its position.

Court Calendars This Day.

Pailure of the Tobacco Crop.

Reports recarding the failure of this starle have no effect upon the consumers of Narshall's Presented Cubeb Cucarettea as the latter contain no tobacco.—4.6.

WAITING FOR THE ATALANTA.

Anything to Accommodate the Tardy Cons-dian Sleep-Which Yacht Shall Sail Her! It was announced by telegraph yesterday that the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, "in view of the fact that the Atalanta cannot reach New York in time to sail on Nov. 1, have asked a further extension of two weeks." The announcement raised the question of the probable action of the New York Yacht Club, as it was thought that glub had already been liberal in the matter.

A prominent yacht owner said yesterday: "I can give you nothing official until the club takes action, but it is safe to say that the clab will act in a thoroughly sportsmanlike way and grant the request. The spirited owners of two crack craft have gone to large expense in this matter, and have their boats and crows in excellent condition. They are anxious, with all of us, for the races to come off this season. It won't gain anything by the movement, and in | two weeks won't do, the Canadian will probably

An Exciting Bace again Postponed. Spectators again lined the Battery sen-wall

yesterday, to witness the race between the hardy White-hallers. The veteran First Warder was, as usual, on hand with a well-stuffed wellet Show me the living man who can beat Rappahannock Burns!" he said, sternly. nock Surns: "he said, sternly.

No showman appeared. At the hour for the race the
sky looked threatening.
"It don't seem a settln'to me, and the weather don't
seem a fittin' for to race to-day," said the veteran Capt.

Ginnerty.
"I don't want any of it in mine," said Capt. Ring.
So the race was postponed until to-day. The First
Warder put away his wallet and went off in dispost multering. There's no living man that can beat Rappy

What a Little Tugbont Did. When a fire breaks out in Long Island City

an alarm whistle is blown for the Fire Department. About 3 o'clock yesterday afterneon a tugboat in Newtown Creek wanted to get through the drawbridge into the East River, and blow her whistle as a signal for the bridge to be opened. It is not customary to open the draw on Sunday. The whistle on the tog was kept blawing but no one came to open the bridge. The Long is said city fire Department, concluding that it was an airring of fire, turned out in full firee, some commands coming from Dute's Kills, two miles away. They were much disampained.

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BITTER-KORBEIT - In Boboken, N. J., on Thursday, Oct. 27, 1881, at the residence of the bride's mother, We the Roy. Mr. Mohn, Friedrich Bitter to Lizzie Kerbeit.

O'Nelling at H. CAMERON. - In Brooking, Thursday, Oct. 27, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Roy. Dr. A. H. Fartitle, Frankin Overhagh to Annie Louise, daughter of William J. Larkin,

OWEN. - SATHWARZA SELDFIL - On Thursday evening, Oct. 27, 1881, at the residence of the bride's parents. Brookyn, by the Rey. Dr. T. L. Cacher, William W. Oscies, Jr., and Emina Ensemb eldest daughter of William Schools accordished, Esq.

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